

Notice of Allowability

Restriction

The examiner hereby withdraws the pending restriction requirement.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prosecution history provides evidence for allowability. The Board Decision, filed 5/11/2011, seems to emphasize that the 10-20 nm rod-shaped compositions comprising, DNA, poly-L-lysine and chloride ions are "relaxed rod-like complexes" rather than "condensed complexes" (BPAI Decision, filed 5/11/2011, page 6). The examiner understands that this was the basis of the Board's decision to reverse the rejection. Additionally, the prosecution record shows that the prior art discloses condensed complexes comprising (1) DNA, (2) poly-L-lysine and (3) an ion selected from the group consisting of chloride, acetate, and bicarbonate, and having shapes (e.g., toroid, Y-shaped, etc.) other than the specifically claimed "10-20 nm rod-shaped" forms. Accordingly, the BPAI and examiner find that the claimed species of nucleic acid complexes are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Examiner Contact Information

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